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S E C R E T USNATO 2033

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL, NATO
SUBJ: DPC MEETING APRIL 14 - POSSIBLE STANAVFORLANT SURVEL-
LANCE MISSION

REF: USNATO 2031

1. SYG LUNS CALLED DPC MEETING AT 12:00 NOON TODAY, APRIL 14
TO CONSIDER SACLANT'S REQUEST TO EMPLOY THE STANDING NAVAL FORCE
ATLANTIC (STANAVFORLANT) IN A SURVEILLANCE MISSION. REFTEL
REFERS.

2. ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE)
PROVIDED SHORT IMS BRIEF WHICH EXPLAINED EXTENT OF SOVIET NAVAL
FORCE DEPLOYMENTS IN RECENT DAYS. THESE DEPLOYMENTS POINT TO A
LARGE SCALE, TWO OR THREE OCEAN EXERCISE. HILL-NORTON NOTED THAT
SACLANT'S PROPOSED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WERE THOSE MOST UNLIKELY
TO CAUSE AN INCIDENT AND ASKED FOR DPC TO APPROVE SACLANT
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REQUEST.

3. BRIEF DPC DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND: (1) DOCUMENT NOT BEING
DISTRIBUTED TO SOME DELEGATIONS (SUCH AS U.S.) UNTIL A.M.

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APRIL 14; AND (2) FACT THAT PREVIOUS STANAVFORLANT SURVEILLANCE MISSION WAS HELD IN MAY 1972. LUNS AND HILL-NORTON MADE CLEAR THE POINT THAT SEVERAL NATIONS NOW PLAN TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS AND A SIMILAR NATO MISSION FOR STANAVORLANT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. THE ONLY REASON SACLANT HAD NOT REQUESTED A SURVEILLANCE MISSION SINCE 1972 WAS JUST LACK OF OPPORTUNITY.

4. AMBASSADOR PECK (UK) AND HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) BOTH HAD INSTRUCTIONS POSING NO OBJECTION TO SACLANT'S REQUEST, ALTHOUGH PECK'S WERE DELIVERED DURING DPC MEETING AND HE WANTED TO VERIFY HIS HAND-WRITTEN NOTE. HARTOGH ASKED IF STANAVFORLANT COULD PICK UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF ORIGINAL SCHEDULE WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDING ORANGE FREE SERVICES FOR A DUTCH EXERCISE "ROAMING NUT".

5. AMBASSADOR BRUCE (US) AND MENZIES (CANADA) EMPHASIZED THEY WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. LUNS UNDERSTOOD THE DELAY AND STATED HIS INTENTION TO OBTAIN DPC APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. THIS IS, IF HE HEARS NO OBJECTIONS BY 1630Z TODAY (5:30 P.M. LOCAL), HE WILL APPROVE SACLANT'S REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE DPC.

6. MISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY COB APRIL 14.BRUCE

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